

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 237

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Nat Edens “Ed” Hyder, Jr., on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating monumental occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nat Edens “Ed” Hyder, Jr., celebrated his eightieth birthday on March 14, 2009, a milestone which was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life’s rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hyder, a man of extensive medical expertise with a long history of community and professional involvement, was born on March 14, 1929, in Hampton; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1947, he joined the United States Army, where he faithfully served on active duty as a Surgical Technician until December of 1948; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ed Hyder, Jr., was joined in holy matrimony with Elizabeth Inez Hurst from Meridian, Mississippi on June 27, 1952; the couple’s blessed union produced four children, Nat Edens III, Michael Allen, Paul Marshall, and Gretchen Evelyn Hyder; and

WHEREAS, a 1946 graduate of Elizabethton High School, Ed Hyder completed his undergraduate work at Milligan College from 1946 until 1947; in January of 1949, he began attending East Tennessee State College, from which he graduated In 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry; in June of 1954, he graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine with Doctor of Medicine degree; and

WHEREAS, for his postdoctoral training, Dr. Hyder completed an internship at Knoxville General Hospital, served his residency at the Lallie Kemp Charity Hospital in Louisiana, and

worked in Medical Management of Radiation Accidents at Oak Ridge Associated Universities until 1984; and

WHEREAS, he earned his board certification from the American Board of Family Practice in 1970; he renewed this certification in 1976 and 1982; and

WHEREAS, during his postdoctoral training in 1975, Dr. Ed Hyder was commissioned as a Lieutenant Colonel for the Medical Corp in the United States Army Reserve; in April of 1978, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel, and would hold such rank through his transfer to the National Guard in 1991 and his subsequent retirement from the National Guard in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in the Army Reserve, Dr. Hyder served with the 820<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital, which was subsequently dissolved to become the 912<sup>th</sup> Mobile Army Surgical Hospital and later the 912<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, where he was assigned as Chief of Professional Services; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction as Commander of the 912<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital from 1982 to 1985, Dr. Hyder was then given the honor and the esteemed privilege to serve as Commander of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade, leading over 150 Army Reserve Units in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, easily bearing the duties and responsibilities of a Brigadier General, Colonel Hyder ably served the 332<sup>nd</sup> Medical Brigade during his three year assignment as commanding officer and was named Commander of the 377<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital in 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Colonel Ed Hyder transferred to the National Guard, where he was assigned to the 662<sup>nd</sup> Medical Detachment, serving as Commander from 1991 until 1993 before retiring from duty in 1995; and

WHEREAS, answering the call to service once again, Dr. Ed Hyder joined the National Defense Force Service Command, a part of the Department of Homeland Security, at the rank of Brigadier General and has subsequently been promoted to Major General and to his present rank of Lieutenant General; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of the academic community, Dr. Hyder, has held numerous academic positions and appointments; and

WHEREAS, he has served in a number of prestigious positions at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine through East Tennessee State University (ETSU), standing as Acting Director of the Johnson City Family Practice Residency Program, a member of the Dean's Council and the Admissions Committee, Associate Professor in the Department of Family Practice, and Assistant Dean and Director of Medical Education at the Johnson City Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hyder has also served as an Adjunct Faculty member for the ETSU College of Nursing since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ed Hyder, Jr., first entered private practice in 1956, in partnership with Dr. James H. Price in Chatom, Alabama; in June of 1959, he began a partnership with Dr. Harmon L. Monroe and Dr. Hoyt Dees that would have a significant impact on his medical career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon Monroe, who, in 1952, served as the second president of the Tennessee Academy of Family Practice, became a wonderful mentor to Dr. Hyder, encouraging his membership and participation in many professional associations, including the American Medical Association, which recruited Dr. Hyder to go to Vietnam in 1968 as a civilian doctor treating Vietnamese civilians along side Vietnamese nurses; and

WHEREAS, moving to Johnson City, Tennessee, in August 1975, Dr. Hyder shared office space with Battle, Budd, Dennis and Moss until April 1976 when he began a private practice. From 1975 to 1989, Dr. Hyder worked hospital inpatient care alongside Dr. Gay Battle, Dr. Duane Budd, and Dr. Robert Dennis; and

WHEREAS, in September 1989, Dr. Hyder had a cerebral bleed resulting in a stroke, but recovered and was back in the office in four months. Dr. Marion Bertotti covered Dr. Hyder's inpatient calls from September 1989 until 2000. Since 2000, Dr. Hyder's inpatient care has been covered by Global Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ed Hyder continued his private practice until 2000, when he joined Rural Health Consortium, Inc.; today he works at one of the Consortium's offices, which is located at the Dry Creek Medical Center in Erwin; and

WHEREAS, a man with a wide variety of experiences, Dr. Hyder, devoted much of his professional career to working in industrial practice as a long-time Railroad Physician with CSX Transportation, a Nuclear Medical Consultant on Medical Management of Radiation Accidents for Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin from 1974 until 1992, and a Plant Physician for Nuclear Fuel Services from 1970 to 1978 and again from 1984 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, he has given his valuable expertise to several committees and medical associations, including the Washington, Unicoi, and Johnson Counties Medical Association, of which he stood as President in 1967; the Tennessee Medical Association, of which he was President in 1983; the American Medical Association; the State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company; the Tennessee Foundation for Medical Care; the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, of which he was President in 1972; and the American Academy of Family Physicians; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, the Governor appointed Dr. Hyder to the Tennessee Public Health Council, of which he was a member until 1978; he served as Secretary of the Council from 1976 until 1977; and

WHEREAS, aside from his extensive medical experience, Dr. Ed Hyder, Jr., has been an active and valuable member in the political sphere, managing a number of senatorial campaigns on the county level in the early 1970s, standing as Chairman of the East Tennessee Doctors for Winston in the Republican Gubernatorial Primary of 1974, Chairman of Tennessee Doctors for Brock in the 1976 United States Senatorial Campaign, and serving as a loyal member of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, he has also found time despite his many commitments to become active in the Erwin Civitan Club, of which he has served as Secretary, Vice President, and President; the Erwin Community Chest and United Fund, of which he stood as Vice President and President; the Erwin YMCA, of which he has been a member and served on the Board of Directors as Chairman; and FAAM Lodge 566 in Roan Mountain; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Hyder has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards for the exemplary quality of his work, including a Certificate of Commendation from Lieutenant Colonel Ly Throng My, Providence Chief of the Keim Tuong

Province of Vietnam in 1968, the Family Physician of the Year award from the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians in 1974, a Certificate of Merit Award from the East Tennessee State University National Alumni Association in 1986, and a Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding involvement in the community, medical, political, and civic arenas of Johnson City and the State of Tennessee, Dr. Ed Hyder, Jr., has published several noteworthy academic articles in such esteemed publications as the *Journal of the Tennessee Academy of General Practice*; and

WHEREAS, now a faithful and active member of Mountain View Baptist Church in Johnson City, Dr. Hyder has served as a deacon of First Baptist Church in Chatom, Alabama; First Christian Church in Erwin, Tennessee; and First Baptist Church in Erwin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. Hyder has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and his patients; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize an outstanding Tennessean, an accomplished physician, father, husband, friend, and community leader on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Nat Edens "Ed" Hyder, Jr., on the celebration of his eightieth birthday on March 14, 2009, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.